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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed November 30 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7,9 and 10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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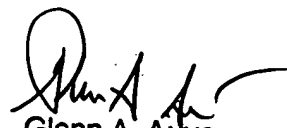
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ellen Marcie Emas on February 16, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace claim 1 with:

A data transfer control apparatus comprising:

a bus master;

a bus interface connected to said bus master via a master bus;

a plurality of bus slaves connected to said bus interface via a slave bus;

a transfer bus which connects a first bus slave and a plurality of second bus slaves in said plurality of bus slaves, wherein said first bus slave is constituted by an external device control section for controlling an external device connected outside;

a selection section which outputs a select signal for selecting one of said plurality of second bus slaves;

a transfer instruction section which outputs a transfer instruction signal for instructing whether or not to execute data transfer via said transfer bus;

a transfer control section which controls data transfer via said transfer bus between said second bus slave selected by said select signal and said first bus slave in response to a control

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signal output to said slave bus when an instruction is given by said transfer instruction signal;
and

a second bus interface connected to a second bus master via a second master bus,
wherein said second bus master executes data transfer between one of said plurality of second
bus slaves via said second bus interface concurrently with data transfer which is carried out via
said transfer bus between said second bus slave selected by said select signal and said
external device via said external device control section under control of said transfer control
section.

Replace claim 5 with:

The data transfer control apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said transfer control
section controls data transfer via said transfer bus between said second bus slave selected by
said select signal and said external device via said external device control section in response
to a control signal output to said slave bus and information which is output from said external
device control section and defines said external device, when said transfer instruction signal
instructs execution of data transfer via said transfer bus.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner
should be directed to Nimesh G. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-3640. The
examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-6:00.

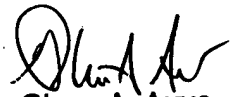
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
supervisor, Rinehart H. Mark can be reached on 571-272-3632. The fax phone number for the
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